

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 RACHEL MARIE WHITTED  
4 (#1212277), aka Ralph Whitted,

Case No. 3:21-cv-00106-MMD-WGC

5 Plaintiff  
6  
7 ORDER

v.

8 NORTHERN NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF  
9 CORRECTIONS, *et al.*,

Defendants

10 I. DISCUSSION

11 On March 1, 2021, Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of  
12 Corrections (“NDOC”), submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and filed  
13 an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1). Plaintiff’s application to  
14 proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete.

15 Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin  
16 a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil  
17 action without prepaying the full \$402 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the  
18 inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

19 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, this  
20 Court’s approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate’s two signatures on  
21 page 3),

22 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail  
23 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court’s approved form), and

24 (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**  
25 **previous six-month period**.

26 Plaintiff has not submitted a properly signed Financial Certificate on this Court’s  
27 approved form. Accordingly, the Court denies Plaintiff’s application to proceed *in forma*  
28 *pauperis* (ECF No. 1) without prejudice because the application is incomplete. The Court

1 will grant Plaintiff a **one-time extension** to file a fully complete application to proceed *in*  
2 *forma pauperis* containing all three of the required documents. Plaintiff will file a fully  
3 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* on or before **May 3, 2021**. Absent  
4 unusual circumstances, the Court will not grant any further extensions of time. If Plaintiff  
5 does not file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three  
6 required documents on or before **May 3, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal  
7 without prejudice for Plaintiff to file a new case with the Court when Plaintiff is able to  
8 acquire all three of the documents needed to file a fully complete application to proceed  
9 *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

10 A dismissal without prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the  
11 case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents  
12 needed to submit with the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff  
13 may choose not to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the  
14 full filing fee of \$402 on or before **May 3, 2021** to proceed with this case.

15 The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint (ECF No. 1-1), but the Court  
16 will not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application  
17 to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

18 **II. CONCLUSION**

19 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's application to proceed  
20 *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is denied without prejudice to file a new fully complete  
21 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send Plaintiff the  
23 approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well as the  
24 document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis* application.

25 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **May 3, 2021**, Plaintiff will either pay  
26 the full \$402 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52  
27 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

28 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate** on this

1 Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two  
2 signatures on page 3),

3 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail  
4 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and

5 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**  
6 **previous six-month period**.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete  
8 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$402  
9 filing fee for a civil action on or before **May 3, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal  
10 without prejudice for Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number,  
11 when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to file a complete application to proceed  
12 *in forma pauperis* or pays the the full \$402 filing fee.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint  
14 (ECF No.1-1) but will not file it at this time.

15 DATED: March 4, 2021

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17 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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